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(U) CALIFORNIA

(U) San Diego – Border Patrol Agent Pleads Guilty in Smuggling Case

(U) A US Border Patrol agent accused of smuggling backpacks he believed contained drugs across the border fence pleaded guilty yesterday to felony charges. Noe Lopez pleaded guilty to attempted distribution of methamphetamine and attempted distribution of cocaine. According to court documents, Lopez struck up a friendship with a man he met at a party and later began communicating with through an online messaging app. During their conversations, Lopez bragged about how he could smuggle drugs left at strategic points along the border fence and told the man he would do it for a fee. The man relayed this information to the US Drug Enforcement Administration and became a confidential source. He cooperated with authorities to help carry out two transactions with Lopez.

SOURCE: 22 June 2017, [The San Diego Union Tribune](#)

(U) NATIONAL

(U) District of Columbia – Man Charged with Spying for China

(U) Washington – A Virginia man has been charged with giving top secret defense documents to an agent for the Chinese government, the US Justice Department said yesterday. Kevin Patrick Mallory, a self-employed consultant who has worked for the US government and defense contractors, made his initial appearance in federal court yesterday. Mallory faces a maximum sentence of life in prison if convicted of the espionage charges.

SOURCE: 22 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) New York – Man Charged with Trying to Aid ISIS

(U) New York City – A New York City man has been charged with trying to aid ISIS. US Attorney Joon Kim said Saddam Mohamed Raishani was arrested Wednesday as he tried to board a plane at Kennedy Airport to go to Syria. Authorities say Raishani wanted to join ISIS after helping another man get there. Authorities say Raishani's plans were foiled because he unwittingly contacted a person who was a confidential source working at the direction of law enforcement. That person, authorities say, introduced him to an undercover law enforcement officer who posed as someone who also wanted to fight for ISIS.

SOURCE: 22 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Texas – 14 Arrested in El Paso-Based Drug Trafficking Organization

(U) El Paso – Federal and state authorities arrested members of the Orrantia Drug Trafficking organization accused of smuggling hundreds of kilograms of cocaine and marijuana into the El Paso area. Authorities said the drugs would come through El Paso before being transported across the country including Ohio, South Carolina and Colorado for further distribution. Those arrested face charges associated with drug trafficking and money laundering.

SOURCE: 22 June 2017, [KFOX 14](#)

(U) Texas – Man Charged with Hate Crime for Burning Mosque

(U) Victoria – A federal grand jury in Victoria, Texas, has charged Marq Perez with a hate crime for allegedly burning a mosque there on 28 January, the US Justice Department said yesterday. If convicted, Perez faces up to 20 years in federal prison for the hate crime, 10 years for possessing an unregistered destructive device and another 10 years for use of fire to commit a felony, along with a maximum fine of \$250,000, the department said in a statement.

SOURCE: 22 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) INTERNATIONAL

(U) Philippines – Militant Financier Killed in Siege

(U) Manila – A Malaysian militant who helped lead and finance the siege of a southern Philippine city is believed to have been killed as the local jihadis aligned with ISIS become increasingly constricted after a month of fighting, the military chief said Friday. Gen. Eduardo Ano said Malaysian Mahmud bin Ahmad was wounded in the fighting in Marawi last month and reportedly died on 7 June of his wounds. Ano, citing intelligence shared by foreign counterparts, said Mahmud was suspected of channeling more than \$600,000 from ISIS to acquire firearms, food and other supplies for the attack.

SOURCE: 23 June 2017, [Associated Press](#)

(U) Yemen – US Military Kills Al-Qa'ida Leader

(U) Sanaa – The US military said yesterday it carried out an air strike in Yemen that killed Abu Khattab al Awlaqi, the emir for al-Qa'ida in the Arabian Peninsula's Shabwa province, along with two other militants. "Al Awlaqi was a senior leader responsible for planning and conducting terrorist attacks against civilians," the US military's Central Command said in a statement. "He had significant influence throughout AQAP's terrorist stronghold, had ties and access to the group's other senior leaders, and was implicated in planning and leading efforts to exacerbate instability in southern Yemen."

SOURCE: 22 June 2017, [Reuters](#)

(U) United Kingdom – UK Arrests Two Men Over Microsoft Hack

(U) London – Two men have been arrested for their part in an alleged plan to hack into Microsoft's network. It is believed that the men were involved in repeated attempts to infiltrate the Microsoft network between January and March this year. Both were charged under the UK's Computer Misuse Act that criminalizes unauthorized access to computers. Police said the pair was part of a larger group that was plotting the cyber-intrusion into the software giant's systems, seeking to steal customer data.

SOURCE: 22 June 2017, [BBC](#)

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